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East Orange cop charged by fellow officers

An Exclusive interview With De Lacy Davis, Founder, B-COP (Black Cops Against Police Brutality)

by Kirreck Williams

According to DeLacy Davis, an East Orange police officer and African-American community activist, the role of the black police officer in the black community should be to protect and serve his community as he is sworn to do.

About two years ago, Officer Davis started an organization of Black police officers entitled Black Cops Against Police Brutality (B-CAP). The organization conducts workshops around the community, with various schools, as well as a mentoring program that they operate out of their homes. Officer Davis usually speaks twice a month for the Juvenile Auto Theft Program at Essex County Superior Court and participates in speaking engagements at high schools, colleges, and organizational functions.

I think that the black police officer in America, going into the 21st century particularly, has to relinquish the blue classmen mentality. What do I mean by that? I

mean that he must understand that the philosophy that they teach you for four months [in the police academy] that we are all blue, that we are not Black. 'White or Puerto Rican, is a fallacy,' stated The East Orange native.

"Every time there is a victim' he is black or Latino. That is not by accident. So the role of the Black officer in his community is to protect the community. I am not saying to let people go or to do things criminal. I'm saying that I have a responsibility to you to protect you."

Officer Torres' attitude might have been a factor in a recent incident that happened in the Ampere section of East Orange. Two police officers, Frank Torres from East Orange and another officer from Bloomfield, were cited driving their patrol car directly into the crowd in front of the state's largest neighborhood event sponsored by the Bloomfield, East Orange, and Newark Police Against Crime Team (PACT).

"I was standing on a stage, up above the crowd, and I could see a police car coming through the

crowd in the direction of over four or five hundred children. I felt that their lives were in jeopardy and at risk because the street had been blocked and the police car somehow made its way through all of them. I immediately went over to the microphone and told the officers that they had to turn their vehicle around. They could not go through that area. That was the gist of what happened. They complied and that was the end of it until I found out the next day their was an investigation against me for inciting a riot."

Officer Torres had filed the complaint against Officer Davis. Immediately, East Orange city council persons and community activists circulated petitions denouncing the charges, stating that Officer Davis acted with professionalism and took the necessary steps to ensure the safety of the children. The support group was led by Lavel Lewis, spokesperson for the Fourth Avenue Concerned Citizen Group.

At a press conference, over 200 people came out to support (continued on page 10)



NEWARK—Library Director Alex Boyd congratulates winners of the Newark library reading program. Kyanen Ruth 8-years-old of Clinton Ave school, Chad Thomas (rear) 4-years-old, read over 24 books, Stanzelle Ruth 6th grade Bergen street school overall winner, having read over 200 books and Simone Johnson 7th grade of Avon Avenue school.

Shundler: no affirmative action, no contract

JERSEY CITY—Mayor Bret Shundler has accused that funds be withheld from a contractor for working on four City construction projects, based on non-compliance with affirmative action regulations. The Mayor is authorized to take this action under state law, which requires that all public contractors make good faith efforts to meet established goals for the employment of minority and women workers on construction sites, and that they submit all required reports.

Mayor Shundler said this administration is committed to vigorous enforcement of all laws and regulations for equal opportunity and non-discrimination. Our compliance officer, Shirley

Rutherford, has worked closely with the State Office of Affirmative Action to monitor compliance and enforce these regulations. This particular contractor has been served with Alert Notices and Violations Notices, and was afforded the opportunity to meet with affirmative action officials to plan corrective action. All of our efforts to achieve compliance have been exhausted, and this contractor continues to be in violation of the law and in violation of its contracts with the City of Jersey City."

Mayor Shundler hopes that this action will provide incentive for other contractors to work diligently to-

wards compliance: "I want all contractors who are doing business with the City, or expect to do business with us, to understand that we are serious about enforcing equal opportunity laws and policies. I hope it will not be necessary to withhold moneys again, but I am prepared to do so if a contractor refuses to comply."

The contractor whose funds are being withheld is Seminarsa construction company, of South Hackensack. Seminarsa currently has contracts for four city projects in Arlington Park, Columbia Park, reconstruction of Grand street, and reconstruction of Arlington avenue at the bridge.

Florio pitches welfare reform plan

Visits Newark Business training institute



Governor Florio addresses students at the Newark Business Training Institute in the city's North Ward, where he discussed his welfare reform plan.

Photo by Glenn Friedman

James urges President Clinton to honor recycling pledge

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James recently announced that the City of Newark has joined a coalition of more than 80 organizations, in urging President Clinton to stand firm on his Earth Day pledge, to increase the federal government's purchase of recycled paper through the issuance of an Executive Order.

James said he co-signed a letter in support of a paper standard that would require federal agencies to buy paper containing at least 15 percent recycled material from paper that has been used and discarded (known as "post-consumer"). The coalition made up of state and local governments, recycling and waste management companies and environmentalists, believes that a strong federal recycled paper

procurement policy is needed to stimulate the demand for paper containing post-consumer materials.

James and other coalition members are concerned that segments of the paper industry want President Clinton to weaken his Executive Order to require a standard of only 10 percent, which the coalition feels would not provide enough incentive to develop markets for recycled paper.

"Allowing the paper industry to set the standard for federal purchase of recycled paper would severely undermine efforts to recycle the paper collected in more than 5,500 municipal recycling programs operating across the country," said James, who is chair-

man of the United States Conference of Mayors' (USCM) Solid Waste Task Force.

"The President cannot bypass this critical opportunity to aid struggling local governments. He must use federal purchasing power to strengthen markets for recycling the used paper that our citizens and businesses are diligently collecting and sorting," James added. "Recycling cannot work if there is no market for recycled products."

Under Mayor James, the City of Newark has established an overall recycling rate of 50 percent, and adopted ordinances banning the manufacture, sale and use of non-biodegradable food packaging as well as chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's).

AT&T makes the wrong choice

by Dara Scott

African American employees are getting a different message from the company that prides itself on helping callous "Reach Out and Touch" the world according to one employee. In the September issue of the internal corporate magazine, "Focus," a cartoon that some AT&T employees called "stereotypical and derogatory in nature," appeared on page 50 of the magazine's Fun 'N' Games section. Alongside an 11-question International quiz is a picture of a globe showing the different countries and continents the company connects.

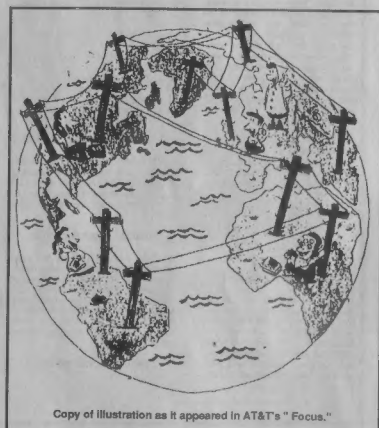
It was Focus illustrators use of an ape-like figure to represent Africans that caused African American employees outrage. At AT&T, the cartoonist depiction of an ape on the African continent is reflective of "corporate America (i.e. the good old boys) still hard at work when it comes to keeping racism alive and well in America," said one concerned and outraged AT&T employee.

In an attempt to right the racial wrong "Focus" editors wrote a letter of apology citing "people of color" in particular. The use of an ape to represent Africa is said to have been a "slip-up" in the review process between the initial sketch and final artwork," or as spokeswoman Gail Purpura of AT&T explained it "we missed it, we screwed up."

Although Purpura adamantly stated that the recent issue of Focus "has not

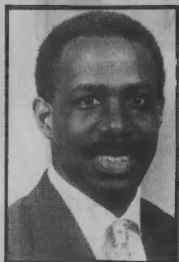
from the AT&T community apart," she explained that AT&T has tried to ease the African American employees' frustrations by taking "immediate action" against the involved parties due in part to "a feeling that the illustration was not a mistake," she commented.

AT&T's chairman of the board, Bob Allen, outlined some of these "immediate actions" in his September 17 letter to all AT&T people which acknowledges that "apologies aren't enough." Some of the steps (continued on page 3)



Copy of illustration as it appeared in AT&T's "Focus."

Johnson chairs UMDNJ family medicine department



NEWARK—Dr. Mark S. Johnson, of Warren, N.J., has been appointed chair of the Department of Family Medicine and director of the New Jersey Family Practice Center at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School in Newark.

Dr. Johnson, a 1979 graduate of the school, has been acting chairman since 1991 when he created the new department. He also designed an ambulatory care service for the Family Practice Center. This service offers a wide variety of medical services to patients of all ages. He has received numerous grants and authored or co-authored a wide range of articles on family medicine, including topics such as heart valve and mitral valve prolapse, a heart valve abnormality that can develop into a serious health problem.



EAST ORANGE—Tracy Munford of East Orange, representative for Mayor Candell Cooper, accepts Mayor Cooper's award from the UMDNJ Board of Concerned Citizens (BCC) for his outstanding contributions to health and human services. The award was presented by Isaac Brown, vice chair of the BCC.

Girl Scouts seek nominations for women of distinction

EAST BRUNSWICK—The Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council is seeking nominations for outstanding women in corporations and the community for its 31st annual Women of Distinction event taking in March of 1994.

Nominees need not have been Girl Scouts in their youth, but must have distinguished leadership in one of five broad program areas that correspond to the "Five Worlds of Girl Scouting": which are the World of Well-Being; The World of People; The World of Today and Tomorrow; The World of the Arts; and The World of the Out-Of-Doors.

The World of Today and Tomorrow focuses on discovering the how and why of things through exploring and experimenting with many technologies that touch our lives. The

World of People, highlights activities directed toward developing awareness of the various cultures in our society and around the world. The World of Well-Being centers on physical and emotional health, nutrition and consumer awareness. The World of the Arts encompasses the involvement in the entire range of the performing arts, from dance to theatre, music, voice, literary and more.

The World of the Out-Of-Doors focuses on achievements in caring for the natural environment, and understanding and respecting the interdependence of all living things.

To place nominations please contact Nancy Ostin, fund development director, 908-821-9090 to receive a nomination form. There is no limit to the number of nominations entered.

WNBC taps Hill as general assignment reporter



NEW YORK—WNBC recently added general assignment reporter Michael Hill to its news department. Hill joins News 4 at WNBC in New York City. He has worked as a reporter in various television stations throughout the country and was the recipient of an honorable mention award in 1989 from the Associated Press in the category of Best Series for "Bordering on Despair," a report on the Texas/Mexico border problem.

People on the move

ROSETTA BARRETT of Newark was recognized by Cornell Hall Convalescent Center in Union for fifteen years of dedicated service as a certified nurse's assistant. Phyllis Cohen of Elizabeth was also honored for dedicated service. Ron Frye has been named Deputy Superintendent of Schools for the Plainfield school system.



'93 senior citizens' art contest winners



The winners of the 1993 Senior Art Annual Contest were honored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders at a reception and exhibit recently held at the county administration building in Elizabeth. "The first-place winners will represent Union County by having their work displayed at the N.J. Senior Art Show during September at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. Edgar J. Willmot of Plainfield with his 1st-place professional watercolor, "Robert Johnson of Plainfield," with her 2nd-place non-professional mixed media art.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

PLAINFIELD—Mini series on African America at Plainfield Public Library, on successive Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For further information call (908) 767-1111.

NYC—The third season of Jazz at Lincoln Center continues with commissions from trumpet stars Terence Blanchard and Ray Hargrove at Alice Tully Hall for an exclusive "one night only" concert. For tickets and information call Center Charge at (212) 721-6500.

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange New Jersey Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the American Cancer Society are offering an "I Can Cope" Education seminar on how to cope with cancer. The seminar is free and will be held at 1:00 p.m. For further information call 201-676-1000.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

NEWARK—The International Black Women's Congress presents a conference on "Black Women and Health: Towards A Holistic Agenda" at the Radisson Hotel. Key note speaker will be Dr. Jewel Poole, M.D., Ph.D., the conference will feature workshops, networking, health screening, massage therapist, health displays and exercise classes. The day starts with registration at 7:00 a.m. and ends with a conference wrap-up at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 201-926-0570.

IRVINGTON—Every Thursday at the Irvington General Hospital, free S.T.D. (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) clinic. FREE TREATMENT! Call for an appointment at (201) 396-6124.

WAYNE—William Peterson College Gallery director opens lecture on "The American Experience," an overview of American painting in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For more information call 201-956-2371.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

EAST ORANGE—The PSEAG E-Team is coming to Orange. The E-Team staff will be in front of Foodtown Supermarket 633 Jefferson St. Residents who sign up are eligible for up to \$250 worth of free service. For more information call (201) 673-5910.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

JERSEY CITY—The Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning (CATALYST) of Jersey City State College will offer two workshops for teachers. For further information call (201) 300-3094.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

SCOTCH PLAINS—Looking for good used maternity and children's clothes at bargain prices? The Mothers, Center of Central New Jersey will conduct a sale of excellent condition, used maternity and children's fall and winter clothing on Thursday, Sept. 30, Friday Oct. 1 and Saturday Oct. 2. For further information call 561-1751.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Fire Division is holding its annual Fire Fall at the rear of Fire Headquarters, 315 Central Ave. Plainfield, N.J., from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For further information call 763-3446.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

GLASSBORO—Two of the most famous rock 'n' roll groups of the 50s and 60s: The Shirelles and The Coasters will highlight the 1960s Annual Autumn Nocturne at Rowan College. For more info call (609) 953-5276.

MAHWAH—Rampage Women's Center announces Awareness Act Group will perform a theatre presentation on "Rape Awareness: Who's next?" On the 16th, the center presents with the Bergen County Division going to sponsor "Women and Aging: The best yet to come—Planning for a Long Life." For further information call the Women's Center at (201) 529-7468.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

SYRACUSE—The Avin Alley Repertory Ensemble to kick off 19th annual U.S. tour. The tour will be in front of Foodtown Supermarket 633 Jefferson St. Residents who sign up are eligible for up to \$250 worth of free service. For more information call (201) 673-5910.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

West Orange-La Di Da is an "Open Stage" for performing artists at the West Orange Community House. Starts at 2:00. For directions call 736-1282.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

WESTFIELD—The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County presents "Healthy Eating Improves Work Performance" Learn the latest about nutritious eating plans to lose weight, reduce your risk for heart disease, cancer and diabetes. In the 4th floor conference room from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. To register call Cathy Forsythe at 645-9454.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Be Your Own Psychologist!

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I believe that I have some small emotional "hang-ups," or small problems. I think everybody has something wrong with them. It is hard to live in the society without becoming nervous, having certain fears, losing control of yourself, gaining weight or taking pills to get your head straight. I don't think that I am crazy, though. My question to you is: What can I do in the privacy of my own home to help get my emotions back on track. I don't have a serious problem, but I am really tense at times. And, sometimes, I can't stop worrying. I can't get my mind off of my problems. I don't need to see a psychologist. I just need a little advice. So, what can I do to gain control of my feelings?

Mrs. W., Chicago

Dear Mrs. W.:

It is impossible for me to prescribe specific treatment without knowing the precise problem with which we are dealing, in the absence of the information. I will give you general things that you can do to deal with simple troubles like worry, tension and some fears.

I agree with you that practically all of us have some small personal matter that causes enormous trouble, far out of proportion to the problem, if we could just cope with that small problem, our lives will be considerably better. Small emotional troubles cause great problems in our lives, it is amazing how making just small adjustments in our lives can turn our lives around, and often, a psychologist is not needed.

Here are a few common signs that professional counseling may be in order and a few sources of self-help strategies:

1) If you feel that you are troubled by a problem that constantly hounds you at work, play, or home—even when you are asleep—you do need to talk with a counselor.

2) Are you overwhelmed with a particular idea, thought or problem that will not go away, that makes it impossible for you to live your life normally? If so, you might want to speak with a counselor. A good counselor can mean the difference between happiness and misery, even life and death.

3) Are you depressed? Do you know what depression is? Send for my article on "Depression" and a column I wrote recently on how to "Change Your Behavior." Send your request, along with a letter-size (4-1/4"x9-1/2"), self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Charles W. Faulkner, P.O. Box 20086, Seattle, Washington 98102-1086.

4) I have produced a series of Winning Cassette Tapes, which I provide to clients who visit my office. These tapes are wonderful! You use them in the privacy of your own home. Sit in a comfortable chair, close your eyes. Listen to the tape and discover a new world of comfort, relaxation and knowledge. If you would like more information about these tapes, write me (at the above address.)

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Warren	\$30,880		

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

Black life expectancy: women living longer, men dying sooner: Recently released federal government figures suggest that black women are living slightly longer lives while black men continue to die at younger and younger ages. Overall, the data from the National Center for Health Statistics show whites on average living seven years longer than blacks, and men living over ten years longer than men. But over the past 20 years, black women have increased their life expectancy and now actually out-live white men by nearly a year. However, black men have lost ground. Twenty years ago, life expectancy for the average black males stood at 65 years, but the latest data (1991) show black males averaging only 64.5 years of life. The broad racial life expectancy, in years, are: white females, 79.6; black females, 73.8; white males, 72.9; black males, 64.6.—WASHINGTON, D.C.

Somalia's Aided outsmarts U.S. & U.N. troops: Despite a \$25,000 bounty on his head and 24 U.S. and United Nations troops looking for him, Somali military leader Mohammed Aided continues to elude capture and directs his supporters struggling against foreign domination of his small East-African nation. The U.S.-led foreign forces have been searching for Aided since June 5, when his forces killed 24 Pakistani troops and four Americans in an ambush. But, Aided has evaded capture by adopting what one supporter called a "village lifestyle," which has made him almost invisible to sophisticated electronic detection equipment and massive ground searches. Aided's ability to outsmart and elude the U.S. and U.N. forces is making him a folk hero in Somalia with supporters vowing deadly attacks if he is ever captured. The U.S. originally sent troops to Somalia to deliver food to the famine-ridden nation. But, Aided's supporters now accuse them of occu-

pying their nation. Aided's capture-avoidance is said to include traveling by donkey instead of car caravans, and employing women as messengers instead of using electronic equipment to communicate.—MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Recession hit minority children hard: According to a study by the National Center for Children in Poverty, the recession which hit the nation's economy in 1990-1991 had a devastating impact on children, especially black and Hispanic children. The number of children (under age six) living in poverty rose by 500,000 to 5.5 million—the highest number of children in poverty in U.S. history. The Center, which is part of Columbia University's School of Public Health estimates that 60 percent of the nation's poor children are minorities. Children are most likely to grow up in poverty when they live in single mother families.—NEW YORK, N.Y.

Bill Simpson died of racism & black-on-black crime: A combination of old-fashioned racism and black-on-black crime resulted in the recent death of Bill Simpson. Simpson made national headlines recently when he and another black man became the first black residents of Vidor, Texas, but after months of hostility and harassment by white residents, Simpson moved out of Vidor. Within hours of his move, he was shot to death in nearby Beaumont, reportedly by a 19-year-old black man during a street robbery. He was shot five times when he refused to turn over his money.—BEAUMONT, TX

Group to aid blacks in forming investment & wealth clubs: Saying "African-Americans must learn how to pool their resources or face increasing poverty," a national black economic self-help group recently began distribution of a guide showing blacks how to form investment and wealth-building clubs. The guide is the work of the Better Life Club. Executive Director James Nathan explained, "Our aim is group wealth building via investing, real estate purchases or fund raisers. One of our more successful groups generated nearly \$70,000 in six months with just simple fund raising." The 40 page

guide is free from the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038. Interested groups and individuals are asked to include \$3.00 for postage and handling.—WASHINGTON, D.C.

Caribbean leaders tell Clinton: be friends with Cuba: The leaders of predominantly black Caribbean nations of Jamaica, Bahamas, Guyana and Trinidad met with President Clinton recently and called upon the U.S. to form friendlier relations with communist Cuba. Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson spoke for the group saying, "The cold war is over" and strongly suggested that America and its 30-year hostility toward Cuban leader Fidel Castro. The Caribbean leaders also asked to eventually be included in NAFTA—the North American Free Trade Agreement designed to break down trade barriers among the U.S., Canada and Mexico.—WASHINGTON, D.C.

NAACP pushes economic agenda: Under the leadership of its new executive director, Benjamin Chavis, the NAACP has stepped up an aggressive campaign to create economic opportunities for blacks and other minorities. In a recent interview Dr. Chavis asserted that black Americans spend \$380 billion a year and that companies which benefit from that money have "a responsibility to address the needs of the black community. The NAACP has persuaded 70 major companies to sign affirmative action agreements designed to create jobs and business opportunities for blacks and other minorities. Companies signing agreements include McDonald's, General Motors, Safeway, Coors and the Denny's restaurant chain.

National black opinion survey: blacks & gays: The National Black News Survey (NBNS) is conducting a national survey of the attitudes toward homosexuality within the African American community. Survey questions are: 1) As you understand them, do you support the goals of the homosexual rights movement? 2) Do you think homosexuals should be allowed to adopt children? 3) How many of your friends are homosexual? Interested persons can participate in the survey by sending their answers to the above questions to NBNS, 1221 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 522, Washington, D.C. 20005, or by calling 202-895-5246. Survey results will be released in approximately three weeks.—WASHINGTON, D.C.

Congressman Menendez announces grants for Jersey City

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Robert Menendez (D-13), announced recently that the Jersey City Child Development Centers received a grant in the amount of \$4.6 million from the Department of Health and Human Services. The grant will be used to fund the Head Start program in Jersey City. "We need to give our

urban youth every advantage, so they can compete on the marketplace of tomorrow," Menendez said. "This is the kind of program which can put children at an advantage by literally giving them a head start." Menendez also announced that the Jersey City Housing Authority will receive

a Comprehensive Grant for public housing modernization in the amount of \$9.4 million. The grant will be used to modernize low income public housing developments at the public housing authority. For further information call 201-656-1500, or 201-547-6600.

One to One on the Hudson

NEWARK—Close to 200 participants in the One to One New, Jersey mentoring program recently attended an end-of-the-summer cruise on the Hudson and East rivers and across New York harbor. The mentors, volunteers, advisors and several special guests cruised the waters around the island of Manhattan for most of the afternoon.

William D. Payne, executive director of One to One New Jersey, said "virtually everyone on the cruise was a member of the unique One to One school-based program implemented in Newark's central cluster schools during the 1992-93 school year. Payne said, "a very important component of our program is group activities which provide mutual support and help to build an esprit de corps among the participants, the boat ride was an excellent way for the mentor/mentee matches at all the schools in the program to meet one another and to share experiences." Congressman Donald M.

Payne, who has commended the program by way of special citation which he entered in the United States congressional record, was a special guest on the excursion.

One hundred and fifty adult volunteers have been matched as mentors with an equal number of students in the year-round program which is conducted in partnership with the Newark board of education. Payne said, "the program has been successful during its first year of implementation.

We have been able to recruit people from all walks of life to serve as mentors and role models for some of our at-risk children. There are so many more children in need of support from caring adults, that we are intensifying our recruitment efforts to enlist additional men and women as mentors." Further information may be obtained by contacting: William D. Payne, One to One, New Jersey, 53 Washington street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 or call (201) 242-1142.



Wrong choice

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highlighted by Allen are that the "outside designer has dismissed the art director who approved the cartoon and the illustrator involved. The focus staff will be expanded to include employees from diverse groups, who review the publication before it goes to press. The number of minority artist, illustrators and photographers will be increased who provide services to AT&T, outside designer and staff, as well as other suppliers will go through diversity training to help increase their sensitivity and awareness."

Allen also instituted a 1-800 number for employees, to quell the storm. The number allows employees to ask questions or make comments on ways in which the company can address and handle the situation.

However, some employees believe this situation "reflects the Fortune 500 company's feeble attempt of sweeping this incident under the pro-

verbialrug...We, the African American employees of AT&T will not stand for it! We want an explanation of the editorial process that led to the decision to run this cartoon to insure that this type of situation will not happen in the future."

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EDITORIAL

AT&T reaches out and touches a nerve!

AT&T's internal organ FOCUS recently ran an extremely derogatory cartoon on its (aptly titled) Fun 'N' Games page. The illustration shows a number of continents with people on most of them using the telephone. The phones were connected to wires, wires to poles, etc., linking the world. However the illustration chose to use what appeared to be a gorilla on the continent of Africa.

Needless to say, the African American employees of AT&T were incensed, prompting a reply from their company president Robert Allen. In his reply Allen outlined many of the financial contributions AT&T has made to minority businesses and organizations. He also spoke of increasing the diversity of those who review publications before print and media.

What Mr. Allen did not address was why there is a need for a culturally diverse group to review a publication before print. If those who are currently in a position to make the final printing decisions cannot recognize that using a gorilla to represent the peoples of Africa is offensive and racist, then they should no longer be employed by a company whose Common Bond values is "we treat each other with respect and dignity, valuing individual and cultural difference."

We are sure that these same AT&T employees have gone through the in-depth cultural diversity/sensitivity training that AT&T has mandated for all its workers. We would like to know why these AT&T employees felt free enough to publish such a negative statement? Why did each level of approval (and at AT&T we know there are many) approve this piece? Why not one person in the company who saw, copied, delivered or approved this magazine didn't see fit to put a stop to it? What kind of an atmosphere at AT&T made it comfortable for those who did approve this to do so? And if this is what we are seeing in print that is happening in other areas of the company that are not so public? These are the questions that we feel Mr. Allen should address.

Certainly hiring more minority illustrators and photographers at AT&T is a positive step. However it's sad that it takes such a unfortunate incident to cause the company to do what they should have been doing all along. And having a more culturally diverse group to review the publications before print is good too. But should only African American AT&T employees be culturally sensitive? Are African Americans the only ones who should be able to recognize a deliberate racist slur? We think not.



No justice for African-American males

by Sharon Kadjah Vincent

The senseless murders of several foreign tourists visiting Florida has led to the state's repressive powers being set loose. In the town of Monticello, where the latest killing took place involving the fatal shooting of a 34-year-old man from England and the wounding of his 35-year-old girlfriend, hundreds of young black men are being brought in for questioning and fingerprinting, even though there may be no evidence against them.

Certainly, their fourth amendment rights are being violated. Unfortunately, while there has been some outcry against these violations, the public is so disgusted and incensed at these outrageous crimes that the protest is very limited. Young people all over the nation should carefully follow these events and hopefully learn some lessons from them, because citizens are tired of the murders and shootings of innocent people.

Law officials in Monticello claim that it is only bringing in these young men that have been involved in some type of violence in the past. They say they're questioning them to try and find out where they were during the time period the shootings took place. Parents of many of these young men have protested, and claim the police have stormed into many of their homes without producing search or arrest warrants.

While we all are concerned about the escalating level of violence and crime in our neighborhoods and

towns, it's important not to become so desensitized and caught up in a fascist mentality, that we begin to inadvertently accept our own rights guaranteed to us under the constitution, to be taken away, by denying those rights to others. Those who committed these horrible crimes should be punished. But, police officials should not be allowed to violate those laws which protect each of us, and I'm sure none of us want to be picked up and arrested without any probable cause other than the color of our skin.

Just because a young person may have a prior criminal record, should not make him or her automatically vulnerable to being picked up, questioned and fingerprinted without properly adhering to the rules and procedures established under the law. Those young people who may have previously gotten in trouble, and have been successfully rehabilitated, should not have to constantly worry that they will be picked up whenever a crime takes place due to a mistake or problem in their past.

It is also wrong for the police to storm into the schools and to illegally pick up any young person, place them in cuffs and irons, take them to the police station for questioning without any just cause. The parents of these young people were not notified, and since many were minors, another one of their rights was violated.

The statements released by county officials do nothing to allay the fears that this incident, while seem-

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by Connie Woodruff

Newark's propensity for explosive politics reared its ugly head again last week when supporters of Deputy Mayor Luis Quintana and community activist Mildred Crump squared off against each other and members of the Newark City Council in their anxiety to get the council to appoint their candidate to a seat expected to be vacated by councilwoman Marie Villani sometime in the immediate future.

For the first time, in a long time, the council chambers were filled to the rafters by a noisy, restless crowd that could have gotten red right during the city council meeting. Quintana's supporters were sticklers that read "Quintana-'94 or before," and Crump's sticklers read "Crump Now!" Several rallies have been held to push council consideration of Quintana when and if Villani steps down officially. Councilman Ralph Grant reminded the audience that at the present time no vacancy exists. This important fact seemed to fell on deaf ears, but since the court has determined Villani is well enough to stand trial, the councilwoman and her son will probably go on trial later this month in the U.S. District Court in Camden. This could induce Ms. Villani to resign her seat until after the trial, she is a public official and if she is found not guilty as charged, her legal lab will probably be picked up by the city.

OPINION

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That's likely to make her change her mind about quitting the council now. If she can stand trial, it is presumed she can serve on the less strenuous, stressful Newark city council.

The possibility of all-out between Newark's major ethnic: Puerto Ricans and African-Americans is perilously close because Quintana and Crump are fighting furiously for the yet-to-be-vacated council seat. As for the claims there is no "Hispanic" representation on the council, what is East Ward councilman Hank Martinez, chopped liver?

When Martinez took a leave of absence from the police department to become a ward councilman, he was alternately viewed as Puerto Rican, Cuban, Portuguese and Spanish-American. But there has never been any doubt he is of "Hispanic" origin. So Jaime Vazquez, the councilman from Jersey City who seems to turn up at a lot of meetings in Newark is excluded from Newark's political process. There was no doubt the 38 speakers had come to the meeting with a mission. Before this week Crump had been quietly working behind the scenes to shore up her support. She had said there would be no public announcement or activity until Villani stepped down.

However, we learned that supporters in her camp decided she could no longer remain silent while Quintana's forces were marching, demonstrating and organizing. "We

thought it was time we let the city council and others know there is a lot of community support for Mildred Crump," said one of her campaign coordinators. And they were out in full force with several well known ministers front and center: Crump's minister Rev. Scott of Bethany Baptist Church, Rev. J. Wendell Mapson of Calvary Baptist Church and a message from Rev. Lawrence Roberts, First Baptist Church of Nutley; also Rev. Mamie Bridgetforth, a west ward district leader and social studies department head at Essex county College along with Rev. Albert Lewis, radio and TV, minister and gospel show producer.

Among the women who stressed the importance of keeping at least one woman on the council, were former Freeholder Pearl Beatty, the director of the Martin Luther King commission, Newark Board of Education member Kim Thompson-Gaddy, an aide to South Ward Councilman Donald Bradley and the aforesaid Rev. Dr. Bridgetforth.

This situation could spell trouble for Gov. Florio who needs solidarity in Newark when he comes courting voters. What Florio does not need is one half of Newark not speaking to the other half.

Maria Viscarondo-DeSoto could be another unhappy camper come the November election. Ms. DeSoto is the Democratic candidate for Essex Coun-

ty Surrogate; her opponent, former Secretary of State Jane Burgio, no stranger to voters in either party in Essex county.

We've got to give James Overmeyer's new book "Ella Manley and the Newark Eagles" a big plus because it's all about one of the best and most entertaining baseball teams Newark ever produced. Those of you who remember Lennie Pearson, Leon Hooker, Ray Dandridge on those great Sunday afternoons at the Newark Bears stadium down neck, will enjoy every chapter, every word of the history of the Newark Eagles and the woman who managed the team. Friends of the Newark Library sponsored a book party for the Overmeyer and it was just a delight to greet a couple of former Eagles. The surprise of the night was the appearance of Jim Walker. Most of us never knew he was a former baseball player with the Eagles. When he first came to our attention he was a banner-waving anti-establishment "militant" who helped a lot of us survive the 1967 riots and set the stage for the election of a black mayor and city council members. But alas, time changes all things. Today Jim Walker is back in Newark, a much quieter rebel. Still intellectually sharp, as witty as ever and just as philosophical in discussing the Newark that was and the Newark

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NEW YORK—The Bronx Zoo will highlight amazing rare white alligator at the World of Reptiles. This park is located off the Bronx River Parkway (exit 6). Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekdays and until 5:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays. For more info, 718-357-1010.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 & 26

NEW YORK—Weekend Drawing Workshops at the Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo. Starting every hour between 12 and 3 p.m. For more info, call 212-941-1196.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Public Library announces its fall pre-school storyhour schedule which will take place Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. For more information call (201) 547-5804.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer "The Adolescent in Literature," a special fall program that will feature eleven prominently young adult authors as guest speakers. For more information call (201) 200-3426.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

NEW YORK—Battery Park City Parks will sponsor "The Poets of New York," including a special visit by Edgar Allan Poe, at 7 p.m. For more info, call 267-9700.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

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East Orange introduces school and law enforcement program

EAST ORANGE—Police Chief, Harry E. Harman, and director of Student Personnel Services, Gail Hecht, recently announced the formation of a Joint Truancy Task Force. This program is a joint initiative between the school district and the Police department, in an effort to thwart the growing incidents of truancy and non-educational incidents that are occurring in the district.

To combat truancy, parents or guardians are contacted if their children are not in school. School conferences and home visits are arranged, truancy hearings are set and possible court referrals are made if needed. An assigned member of the department teams with a designee of the Board of Education in proactive patrol during the school hours.

The primary objectives of the program are to reduce the school dropout rate by encouraging the student to return to the classroom and provide safe corridors for the students and faculty. And, in the process, establish a meaningful dialogue between the students and the police, which can lead to better relationships.

Additionally, the school district maintains a closed lunch policy and makes every effort to ensure that youngsters remain in school for the entire day. Area merchants are urged to be mindful that students who frequent their stores during the school if any problems are uncovered which exceed the team's capacity, they will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities. The program frees other patrol units to handle the constantly increasing number of calls for service, rather than involve themselves in lengthy juvenile investigations.

The East Orange Police Department's Annual report for 1992 indicates that the EOPD truancy squad returned 1,581 students to their respective schools. Detectives Walter Stewart and William Garvin are assigned to the police department, attendance officers Kevin Moore and Stephen Clark are working under the supervision of board attendance assistant, Reggie Griffith. This collaborative effort is directed toward reducing student absenteeism, therefore, ensuring that students maximize their opportunity for learning.



(L-R) Detective Walter Stewart, (seated) director, East Orange truancy, East Orange Police Chief, Harry Harman, Reginald Griffith, Attendance Assistant for the school district and Gail Hecht, Director of attendance, East Orange school district revise the new school and law enforcement program.

MCC offers child care food program

EDISON—The Middlesex County College Child Care Center announces the sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program. This program is designed to provide meals to children in child care centers, recreation programs, etc. Meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 and under who are enrolled in the Child Care Food Program and are served without regard to race, color, national origin, handicap, age or sex. Eligibility Income Scale Ef-

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If the Family consists of only one person, Free Yearly Income is \$9,061 and Reduced Yearly Income would be \$12,895, with a family size of two the figures would be \$12,259 and \$17,446, for a family of three \$15,457 and \$21,997, and for a family of four the figures would be \$18,655 and \$26,548 respectively for each additional family member add \$3,198 and \$4,551.

UCC offers kids program

CRANFORD—Union county college presents A "College for Kids" program offering young people from pre-school through high school ages enrichment opportunities among peers in a college atmosphere. A variety of courses will be offered for the enrichment of young minds. Some of the courses include "Every Day's a Holiday," for ages three through five, where children will learn how people of other lands and cultures celebrate life. The course will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, October 2 through 30. Parents will join the class at the last session for an international showcase.

"Music is Fun," for ages six through eight. Children will have their musical abilities nurtured based on the Kodaly Theory of Music, which involves use of music games, songs, rhythms, and movements as developmental tools. The course will be held from 9 to 10:15 a.m. on Saturdays, October 30 through November 20.

"Electronic Musical Keyboard for Beginners," for ages nine through 11 children will learn the basics of piano instruction. The course will cover use of key chords, simple melodies, rhythm, and note reading. It will be held from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

on Saturdays, October 30 through November 20.

"Dance Connections Workshop," ages 10 through 14, when young people will explore the multi-cultural connections of traditional dance forms and music around the world. Students will learn the principles of dance and movement, and create their own choreography as part of the workshop. A choice of two time slots is available, either 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., or 1 to 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, October 9.

For further information on the program please call 908-709-7600.

Tennis champs honored by tennis club



EAST ORANGE—The 40 Love Tennis Club and the City of East Orange recently honored three of their best players for outstanding accomplishments throughout the summer. (L-R) Joanne Kent, pros, 40 Love Tennis Club, Karla Porters, honoree, Bob Bynum tennis coach, La Roy James Jr. City Administrator, Bianca Brown and (C) Antoinette Lee honorees.

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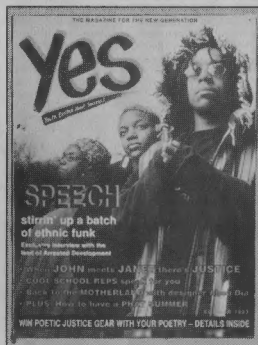
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Religious Calendar

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

PLAINFIELD: The Women of Rose of Sharon Church presents their Annual Homeless Luncheon, 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. at 105 East 7th Street. For ticket information call Mrs. Miller at 908-756-3896, or Mrs. Mallory at 908-665-8554.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

DUNELLEN: The Dunellen United Methodist Church is seeking artists and crafters for its 10th annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show. Tables are \$15 and are provided. Other offers are a lunch counter featuring homemade soups, salads and sandwiches, and a bake sale. For more information call 908-756-8252.

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No Justice

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ingly in reaction to the senseless murders, was nothing more than another racist act by the police. It is extremely doubtful that all young white males in a community would be indiscriminately arrested and placed in chains without due cause, just because the alleged assailants were "young white men between the ages of 13-18 years old."

We must continue to work with and educate our youth to steer them away from a life of crime. At the same time, young people need to be made aware of the mounting disgust of the public, and the long time dangers and effects of crime on a society, which then moves further toward the right, with the acceptance of fascist ideas and practices.

Metropolitan Baptist Church Movin' On

by Connie Woodruff

When the Metropolitan Baptist Church's (Newark) congregation marched from the former Jewish synagogue at 32-34 Prince Street that had been its home for more than 50 years to a new edifice at 149 Springfield Avenue, a benevolent God blessed the new sanctuary and Education building with a bright sunny fall day.

In keeping with the day's theme, the congregation was "moving out" of a building that cost them \$20,000 in 1940 and "moving in" to a six million dollar structure of steel and concrete with spires reaching toward the sky to signal this industrious congregation is "moving on" to higher and better things in the way of spiritual and social service needs for their parishioners and Newark Central Ward neighbors.

In addition to being a day for rejoicing, it was a day to remember the founding members of Metropolitan who did not live to see their dream of making Metropolitan Baptist Church the premier religious institution in the city come true. The moment was particularly bitter sweet for the long time members who recalled the 48 years pastorate of Re. Dr. B. F. Johnson that brought them this day of transition and service of thanksgiving. Metropolitan's strength has always been the families who played important roles in its operation, growth and leadership.

When the late Deacon Board chairman Fred O'Bryant and

some of his close friends left the Hopewell Baptist Church (also Newark) to establish a new church identity, they forged a bond that became Mt. Moriah Mission, the forerunner of today's Metropolitan Baptist Church. The fledgling group met at Deacon O'Bryant's home at 31 Prince Street and a few weeks later held the first services Sunday, January 23, 1938 at 123 Prince Street where 142 members listened to a dynamic sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. W.A. McClean. In June of that year Mt. Moriah Mission was recognized as a regular Methodist Baptist Church and the rest is history.

For the first year in lieu of a permanent pastor, the members comprised the membership church affairs. These resourceful people read like a Who's Who of Newark families with names familiar in the community: O'Bryant, Ryans, Davis, Helms, Grimsley, Parker, Robinson, Ray, Shipman, Sowell, Sykes, Thomas, Broadnax, Slaughter, Harris. They worked on committees ranging from Sunday School to Ushers, to Choirs to Deacons and Trustees (male and female) and Women's Home Missionary Society. It was the beginning of a stronger than usual Deacon and Trustee Board for which Metropolitan is well known.

When it became apparent to the leadership that a permanent pastor could be helpful for spiritual, numerical and financial growth, a call was extended to the Rev. Matthew T. Waters, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md. who accepted and took charge of the church in February 1939. When Rev. Waters died in October 1942, he had increased the membership to 1,390 congregants. Metropolitan was well on its way to becoming one of Newark's largest Baptist congregations.

With the death of Rev. Waters, the

search was on again for a minister with spirituality and skills in administration for a church that was on the move. The call went out and was accepted by a fiery, dynamic young preacher from Goldsboro, North Carolina. The Rev. Benjamin Franklin Johnson was a firebrand orator, a builder of men and monuments. Within a few years his community organizing, his ability to bring neighborhood people into the fold and personality made Metropolitan a household name in the religious community.

At the close of 1957 the church boasted a membership roster of 5,321 members. As the church grew so did Rev. Johnson's reputation as a spiritual leader. And he was active as an advocate for educational opportunities for black children, he made Metropolitan the hub of church and community service and his church became a favorite place for incumbent and aspiring public officials. He taught his parishioners that work, education, politics and the church had common ground where they could coalesce without losing their respective identities.

It was a lesson and a marriage that proved useful when he put his plans for the new sanctuary at 149 Springfield Ave. into high gear. Rev. Johnson didn't live to see his dream reach fruition (he died in 1992). It would have pleased him mightily to see the doubting Thomases' admire the sun-drenched sanctuary and wonder with awe through the circular hall, the long, unfinished 100 seat chapel, the still to be completed gymnasium and the state-of-the-art kitchen facilities. He had spent years encouraging parishioners to keep the faith,

especially those who had invested a goodly part of the \$6 million dollar cost by purchasing interest-free bonds when state and federal monies had been exhausted.

Among those who made major contributions were the descendants of the founding families. They were among the thousands plus worshipers who witnessed the ribbon-cutting ceremony that followed the grand march from the old to the new edifice. Some of the participants were the Rev. Charles L. Sanders, interim pastor; Trustee Melvin Gainsous Hazelwood; Deacon Willie R. Burke, former Mayor Kenneth Helms Harris. Rev. James L. Dargun, Trustee Thelma Jones, Mesdames Barbara M. Floyd, Lillian Martin, Renay Pearce, Trustee Thelma Jones and Eddie Hill. Deaconess Edith Sheldon, Mayor Sharpe James, Rev. Robert H. Johnson, Bro. Tiran Winston and Rev. B.F. Johnson's widow, Mrs. Charles B. Johnson.

Rev. Sanders summed up the day's events. "Following the direction of the Almighty, we have come, by faith, to the time when he says: 'You have dwelt in this place long enough, move out of the mountain and inhabit the place in which I have blessed you.' Amen."

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

PATERSON: Barnert Hospital, Paterson One of Health and St. Joseph's Hosp. Minority Issues Conf. for Health Care Providers, Barnert Hospital 11:30am-1:30pm. For more information call (201)977-6605.

ORANGE-Orange Middle School: Sexually Transmitted Diseases Video presentation 9am

NEW BRUNSWICK-St. Peter's Medical Center Adult Ambulatory Care: Prostate Cancer Awareness Screening 4-7pm (Appointment only). For more information call (908)745-8600 ext. 8954

PERTH AMBOY-Raritan Bay Medical Center Tuberculosis Education & Screening, School #10. For more information call (201)881-3988.

HOBOKEN-Hoboken Health Department: Cholesterol, Blood Pressure, Diabetes Screening/Hispanic Outreach Program 1-3pm. For more information call (201)881-3988.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NEWARK-The Newark extended care facility families are invited to its 10th anniversary celebration at 7:00 p.m. For further information call (201)483-8503

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that is today, should be fun having him around next year.

The African-American Political Alliance had one of its occasional meeting in New Brunswick a couple of Saturdays ago, and they were gung ho to endorse Governor

Florio for re-election. The alliance will be hitting the campaign for re-election. The alliance will be hitting the campaign trail for Florio and all African-American Democratic candidates. On that issue the alliance is in sine.

Mercer County Assemblyman John Watson has been appointed Deputy Cam-

paign Manager for Florio. His daughter, Bonnie, who had been on leave from the Dept. of Community Affairs to work in the campaign, has returned to her full time job. Meanwhile Brenda Bacon is on leave from the state to devote her time to the re-election efforts of the governor.

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Health Briefs

It Could Be A Hard Flu Season: Most people in North America have not been exposed to an influenza strain expected to hit in 1993-94. A/Beking (H3N2), a variant of the flu that predominated in the 1991-92 season, did circulate on the East Coast late in the 1992-93 season, as a result, some people in that region have immunity. Because there is so little natural immunity elsewhere to this variant, people at high risk for flu complications should get vaccinated. The high-risk groups are the elderly; people with immune-system disorders and heart and lung disease, including asthma and chronic bronchitis; people with diabetes, chronic kidney disease and chronic anemia, including sickle cell disease; health-care workers and home-care givers. People should get inoculated as soon as the vaccine is available, which is in September. —HOUSTON

Study Looks At Silicone Implants And Breast Milk: A study at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston is examining the effect of silicone breast implants on mother's milk. Researchers are testing pregnant and nursing women who have silicone implants to see if levels of silicon, the element from which silicone is made, can be detected in urine, blood and milk. If high levels are detected, investigators will use ultrasound to determine if an implant has ruptured or is seeping into the woman's body. If silicon is detected in milk, additional studies would be needed to determine the effect on children. —HOUSTON

Ways To Relieve Stress: Knowing there are two kinds of stress is the first step in coping. The two kinds are things you can do something about and things you cannot change. Stress that people can do something about requires action. This type of stress could include personality conflicts, marital tensions or illness. Lessening these kinds of stress could be as simple as negotiation, compromise or following a physician's advice. For sources of stress that cannot be changed, you should try reaching out to others for support, making time for enjoyable activities; learning to relax. Relaxation can be improved by, closing your eyes, picturing an enjoyable scene such as the beach or a vacation. Maintaining the scene in your mind and actually "feeling" it. And thinking soothing thoughts. —HOUSTON

Parents who smoke raise babies who smoke: Sounds impossible? Unfortunately it's not. Of 433 infants who lived in households where someone smoked, 60% had a chemical called cotinine, (which shows smoke absorption), in their blood. It didn't matter if the smoke was blown away from the baby, or even if the smoking was done in another room; the smoke was still absorbed. If you can't quit smoking, smoke outdoors, for the baby's safety.

Tooth replacement: A knocked-out permanent tooth should be kept clean, handled by the top (not the root) and replaced by a dentist (not by you, unless you are a dentist) within one hour of the injury. If this is done, the tooth has an excellent chance of growing back. However, a knocked-out baby tooth should not be replaced, trying to do so can damage the permanent tooth.

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JERSEY CITY—The Hudson County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and St. Peter's College are co-sponsoring a conference entitled "Health, Lifestyle and Environment: Impact on the African-American Family," to be held Saturday, September 25th, 1993, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

Keynote speaker, Beny J. Primm, MD., serves as President of the Urban Resource Institute and Director of the federal government's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Dr. Primm is an internationally known leader in the fields of

HIV and AIDS. He is a tireless advocate for eliminating causes of these problems and promoting education, prevention and treatment services for America's inner city communities.

The conference will feature panel workshops including Youth Forum, The Health of African-Americans in New Jersey, Images and Reality: Substance Abuse, Homelessness and AIDS, and Environment and Progress: Who Benefits, Who Suffers and Who Pays?

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In a scene from the movie Darnell (Omar Epps, left) accompanied by the Rev. Wallace (Bernard Mixon) announces to the press that he will attend Eastern State University. Photo by Barry Wheeler

Swain Gallery celebrates 125 years

PLAINFIELD—Swain Galleries will be honored on Sunday, Sept. 26, by NJ State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco and U.S. Congressman Robert Franks, at a celebration of its 125th anniversary as a family-owned business in Plainfield.

Senator DiFrancesco will present fourth-generation proprietor, Ann Swain, with a proclamation and Congressman Franks will confer a U.S. flag that has been flown over the nation's Capitol.

The reception will feature photographs of Swain's locations in old Plainfield, highlighted by the original sign, "Philip Swain, Practical Gilder" from Swain's first shop opened in 1868 on W. Front St. as a picture frame, mirror and art store. At the turn of the century, Philip's son, Walter, took over and managed the business through a depression and two world wars despite supply shortages. His son, Walter P. Swain, Jr., carried on the business and in the 1980s, purchased the current, three-story c. 1860 Victorian house at 703 Watching Ave. in Plainfield's Crescent historic district. In 1985, he won a preservation award from the North-

ern NJ chapter, Victorian Society of America, for outstanding adaptive reuse of a residential building.

When Walter died in 1992, he was succeeded by his daughter, Ann Swain (McQuillan) who has worked by his side for many years. The store still features the precise art of gold leaf and metal leaf gilding begun by Ann's great-grandfather.

Records from 1934 indicate that, from at least then, Swain's has been considered the oldest retail business in Plainfield. The gallery features artists' exhibits, usually monthly, mainly in contemporary American realism but also extending to other contemporary expressions. Its eight separate galleries show art ranging from inexpensive to museum-quality, and little nooks and shelves display select gifts and fine china. The Job Male room specializes in antiques. Swain's is additionally well known for its current corporate art services and, since 1868, for art-framing selections and advice.

Swain Galleries at 703 Watching Ave. is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, Saturdays to 4 p.m. For additional details, call 908-273-8787.

'If the truth be heard'



Cast mates of the play: Laying Haliba, Guy Whitlock Richard Cammareri Linda A.H. Walker and Tanya-Tyler James enjoy a few laughs on each other.

PLAINFIELD—The New Ark Writer's Collective comes to Plainfield with their production of "If the truth be heard, let it be told!" The play is a collection of the New Ark Writer's best works in song, dance, poetry, and art and documents the African-American experience. "If the truth be heard, let it be told!" will have audiences laughing, crying and on their feet.

The play will light up The Grant Avenue Community Center Stage, Friday, October 1, 8:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, October 3, at 3:00 p.m. General Admission tickets are \$20. The production is non-profit. For information on the performance in Plainfield or the New Ark Writer's Collective, Inc., call Diana Talley at 908 753-1926 or Carolyn Lambert, 908 756-4706.

The 'Scoop'

by Janice Malone

White Out? Houston Oilers wide receiver Haywood Jeffries was spotted in a popular Houston night club recently by Super/Scoop/Sources who say that Mr. Jeffries reportedly left his date sitting alone at the table, looking a bit sad, while he mingled and danced with other female admirers. Our sources further report that Mr. Jeffries was wearing all white—that is white shirt, pants and even shoes. It was after Labor Day, so the fashion police squad should inform Haywood that it's a crime to wear white shoes after Labor Day. By the way, our sources report that Mr. Haywood was spotted another time at yet another club, adorned with white again. On this particular occasion, it was two white females on each arm.

Scooping With Ice: Rap/Rapper/Actor "Ice T" tells The Scoop: "When I first started rapping, I was only making fifty dollars a week. During that time my wife had to work two jobs and the bus while I was trying to get started. I remember looking for jobs and not having nice clothes to wear... Getting out of the ghetto takes money and education. The "system" says you got to know how to fill out a job application, you gotta look and dress

certain way. All these kind things often shut kids out from getting a job. People need to realize that when these kids come asking for jobs, help them. If they don't look the part for a certain job and are willing to work, take them aside and say, "look, I'll give you the job and work with you on getting the proper attire this job may require," but, people don't do that. If you don't have the clean-cut look, you're out. When a person is dirt poor, they can't afford that kinda look, but it's their fault. What's really sad is that I've heard guys say, "Hey man, I'm gonna hustle just enough on the streets so that I can get money to buy some clothes so that I can look for a job..." So, what's the answer? There's many. I can honestly say I, along with many other concerned people, are working together for the right solutions..."

Mentioning The Unmentionable: R&B singing star Freddie Jackson reveals the trials and tribulations of being a sex symbol. "Let me just say that some women want to give me the key to their heart and the key to some thing else, too... Women are always throwing their panties at me when I'm on stage (he begins laughing). The first time this happened, it really soured me. There I was, just singing my heart out and suddenly I see these little red things flying in the air to-

ward my head. It's a rather slow procedure when they're about to do this. It starts off with a woman sitting there waving her hands in the air, enjoying the music. She will slowly bend down. I've noticed there seems to be a little struggle when they get to the knees. After that, I know what's next. The panties start flying in the air toward the stage... Don't laugh, but I don't see how some of these women stand to do this in the winter time. And, I really wonder how the full-figure women can do this little routine so quickly—they're really fast with it. But, I must admit that I love it when ladies do this at my shows...It's great fun..."

A Quiet Hall? It's been about a year since Arsenio Hall made his now infamous statement of kicking Jay Leno's posterior in the late-night talk show game. Mr. Hall's been noticeably quiet these days. Could it be because (a) his ratings have dropped as much as 30 percent, (b) he knows that the late night talk show race is now actually between the "good ole' boys," that is David Letterman and Jay Leno. Sources in L.A. report that Mr. Hall is said to be gearing his interests more toward movie producing.

Karyn White Recalls: "When I was about 14, I wished for a career like that of Stacy Lattisaw (a teenage singing star at that time). Now, I'm glad that I didn't have an early successful singing career because since then I've learned so much about this business..."

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SEPTEMBER 21-24

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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SEPTEMBER 22-24

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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by Charles E. Belle

"When you go into the house, hear the woman cry: 'Get a job,' no the song goes. Getting a job is difficult enough without knowing what job pursue. Think change. Career change."

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Most people do not know what

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City News high school football preview

by Mark Proleau

New Jersey High School Football for 1993 promises another action-packed and exciting season. Following is a preview of the top teams from nine counties.

Hudson County

1. North Bergen: The Bruins come off another terrific season as Hudson County Champions while going 9-2 and reaching the North Jersey Group IV title against Hackensack will set the tone for the rest season, win or lose. The main concern for game before falling to Hackensack 7-3. In fact, both North Bergen blunders from 1992 came at the hands of the Comets. The Bruins will have the revenge on their minds when they took up with Hackensack at home on opening night. Head Coach Vincent Ascolese feels that the first game Ascolese's squad come defensively where he lost nine starters to graduation including All-State line-backer Greg Ascolese his son. However, offensively is where North Bergen could be as strong as ever with senior transfer QB Brian Cooney (6-4, 185) and returning senior Wayne Ziti (6-0, 190) at halfback. The Bruins, a Wing-T team that traditionally runs the ball, will have lots of success in the air with Cooney at the helm.

2. St. Peter's Prep
3. Marist
4. Ferris
5. Hoboken
Middlesex County

1. Edison: In the tough GMC led division, Edison Head Coach Mike Wojcik understands that the league beat each other up too much in '92, which explains last year's 5-2-2 mark. Wojcik returns seven two-way starters, including All-America line-backer/line-man Rashad Simmons (6-6, 235). Expectations are big this year in Edison which was a down year at 5-2-2 last year. Senior QB Mark Pappas (5-10, 180) will guide the Wishbone offense, and he'll look to hand off to senior RB Andrew Onder (6-6, 220) who led the team in rushing last year with 724 yards and 12 touchdowns. In Wojcik's Base/Monster defense, there's no doubt that Simmons will

lead by example.

2. Woodbridge
3. Bishop Alt.
4. Madison Central
5. Piscataway
Bergen County

1. Hackensack High: The Comets look to pick up where they left off last year, i.e., winning big time football games. They defeated perennial power North Bergen 7-3 in the North Jersey Group IV Championship in 1992, finishing their season at 9-1-1. Their offensive line is loaded averaging over 5 pounds with senior Pete Donnelly (6-3, 295) and Robert Santiago (6-3, 295) at the tackles. The defense is anchored by LB Vernon Rollins (6-4, 220) who is sought after by almost every college in the country. Greg Tota's squad will once again be a choice candidate to win the state championship, but in doing so they'll be challenged right away when they travel to North Bergen on Friday night for the season opener.

2. Ramapo
3. Bergen Catholic
4. St. Joseph's (Montvale)
5. Northern Valley regional
Passaic County

1. Passaic High: After losing their first two senior season games in '92, Raymond McCann's club improved each week and rallied to win the next soon to finish up at 7-2. That however, was not enough for a berth in the state playoffs, and with all of his key veterans back, this group of seniors will take last year's frustrations of not making the playoffs out on their opponents. Senior QB Terrell McDaniel (6-1, 185) will direct the offense. In their varied option attack. On the other side of the ball, Passaic will once again run their traditional 4-4 blitz defense, and as McCann states with a chuckle "we come to you on every play." Passaic doesn't have a lot of depth, but the seniors that are penciled in the starting line-up are some disappointed veterans from a year ago that have something to prove.

2. Wayne Valley
3. Wayne Hills
4. Eastside
5. DePaul
Essex County
1. Shabazz: Dave McCombs enters his 7th year at Shabazz where he

has established a program that is well respected throughout the county. The Bulldogs look to make in their fourth straight winning season after going 5-4 last season. McCombs will look for senior QB Eddie Cooper (5-11, 175) to roll out and throw the ball to senior WR Donatus Harris (5-11, 175) in their Delaware Wing-T option attack. Cooper will look to give off to talented junior HB Irving Callender (6-0, 190) and senior PB Kareem Lamoni (5-8, 225) will pave a nice path for either Callender or for himself, on defense, highly touted senior NE Romel Cureton (6-2, 200) will be the key. McCombs should post at least seven wins this season as he did in 1991 when his squad went 7-2-1 and was named Coach Of The Year in

2. Caldwell
3. West Essex
4. Central (Newark)
5. Irvington
Union County

1. Union High: When ever you lose Brain Sheridan (last year's NJ Gatorade, Player of The Year now at Rutgers), there will be a huge gap to fill. Head coach Lou Rettona points out that although he does not have many more players, he has more solid bunch, in fact he has more weapons that could possibly make his squad better offensively than last year. His major weapon, Senior QB Ed Collins (6-2, 195), is one of the top area quarterbacks who will get time to show off his arm with protection from returning All-County senior line-man Frank Fabio (6-1, 265), and also senior Dan Mingucci (6-0, 215), who Rettona says is the best lineman in the county. Local weapon #2 is All-County line-backer Marco Caban (5-6, 180), Union's most versatile player who'll see more carries this year at halfback and will also continue to kick field goals for the Farmers

2. Linden
3. Elizabeth
4. Summit
5. Roselle Park
Morris County
1. Morris: The Colonial just missed the playoffs last year at 6-3, but by winning their last four games, there exists the can-

ry-over factor for the 1993 squad that returns 22 seniors with starting experience. On offense, Head Coach John Porcelli implements a fast and physical Option Attack that scores lots of points. All-County QB E.J. Sebelie (5-9, 175) is back for his senior year. Sebelie will be protected by returning All-County senior OT Keith Cragan (6-4, 215), who will also be a major factor on defense along the keys to Porcelli's 4-4 defense; inside line-backers Vincent Phinn (6-2, 195), who's a junior, and All-County senior Lamont Dumas (6-0, 215). With a solid balance on both sides of the ball, Morris will be tough to beat. Porcelli will no doubt make it 5/5 in winning seasons at Morris.

2. Randolph
3. Mendham
4. Morris Knolls
5. Debarton
Somerset County

1. Franklin: Second year Head Coach Joe George will improve upon last year's 4-5 record with a veteran crew returning. George will once again go with the Run & Shoot offense, and his quarterback, senior Adam Dennington (5-8, 155) is more comfortable with the unique offense (at the high school level) in his second year at the helm. Dennington's favorite target is senior WR Jamar Porter (5-8, 170), former line-man converted to running back under George. Senior Brian Jackson (5-9, 195), will continue where he left off, rushing for 5.3 yards per carry. Clearing the way for Jackson will be senior OT Minnaugh Hill (6-5, 275) who is one of the top linemen in the county. Defensively, the Warriors run a 4-4 captain by Jackson at line-backer, who led the team in tackles in '92 with 98. With solid help from Porter and Hill on the defensive side Franklin should be able to hold down their opponents while the Run & Shoot racks up the points.

2. Bridgewater Raritan
3. Immaculate
4. Manville
5. Somerville
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East Orange cop

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B-CAP's founder including Newark City Councilman Donald Tucker, African American police organizations such as the Kinsmen, the Guardians, The Bronze Shields, as well as political organizations and churches. Though departmental charges have been filed against him, no one in the East Orange Police Department has officially questioned him about the incident.

Davis has also had problems being accepted in certain circles. He has been denied membership to the Fraternal Order of Police. And, there is obvious tension with certain white and black officers. His position has also hurt him financially since he no longer is approached for overtime duty.

"Those brothers and sisters in uniform across the country who know the truth, recognize the truth, and believe in the truth, have stood strong with me. In fact, I have gotten a great deal of support from outside of where I work professionally. For those brother and sisters who have not come into consciousness yet, they have difficulties with me. They have difficulties with me because I recognize that they are my brothers and sisters, but they have not recognized yet that I am their brother," said Officer Davis.

On whether his unpopular stances would hurt his career, he states, "I think ultimately, and the creator knows best, it has actually enhanced my career, in the long run. In the short run, it has forced me on to a road that is very strange. It's a very lonely road. It's a road that is based on truth and righteousness. I am not embraced by a lot of law enforcement people, nor do I care to be embraced. We are standing up for what we believe in and if we are going to have

any future for young black males in America going into the 21st century, every black law enforcement officer had better be prepared to stand up as an individual regardless of the career."

He continues, "We cannot base success, or liberation of African people on a paycheck. So in terms of the career and short term, I have no career in law enforcement, but then again I was not born with a gun and a badge. My parents did not bring me here to be a cop, they brought me here to advance and make a contribution to an African people, as a result of that, it is not important how this affects my career. What is most important is how it affects our future as an African people in the long run."

Officer Davis advises young brothers and sister living America to stay strong and educate yourself in an Afrocentric manner. To go the elders of the community "to build a foundation that is necessary for our self-determination, self-defense, and self-empowerment needed to develop as an African people."

He also believes that too many black s in positions of authority suffer from what he refers to as CNS, Confused Negro Syndrome. For them he warns that they cannot hold down African people, despite their desire to embrace European thought. They must understand there is an African ethos and spirituality that will not be contained, and ultimately they will have to come face to face with their creator and with the young brothers and sisters who have refused to compromise.

In conclusion, Officer Davis finished by saying this, "I say to my brothers and sisters, elected officials, parents and all those who have the ability to make an impact upon the lives of our people. Stand for what is right. Do what is right. Tell the truth, teach the truth, and practice the truth

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